### **Brest Litovsk Deemed** One of the Strongest Fortresses in Europe

The Russian fortress of Brest-Litovsk, which has just capitulated to the Austro-German forces, had been considered one of the strongest fortresses in Europe, and was the south ern base of the second Russian line o defenses, to which the armies of Grand Duke Nicholas retreated after

Grand Duke Nicholas retreated after the fall of Warsaw. The citudel is situated on the Bug river, and at the junction of several railways 131 miles south of Grodno and 120 miles due east of the Polish capital.

The storming of Brest-Litovsk by the Teutonic forces is probably the most important military achievement since the fall of Warsaw three weeks ago. The town, which had a population of about 50,000, was one of the most important depots for, and the distributing points of, military supplies most important depots for, and the dis-tributing points of, military supplies near the western frontiers of Russia proper. The fortress was rated by military crities as a much more im-portant strategic point than was War-

#### At Junction of Rivers.

Brest-Litovsk is situated at the junction of the Bug and Mukhovets rivers, and the fortress of the city was built point of confluence. It lies upon the right bank of the Bug, where the river turns from the north to the northeast. Intersecting here are railroads from Odessa. Kiev. Moscow, Warsaw. Vilna and East Prussia.

Brest-Litovsk, according to information compiled by the National Geographic Society, contained one of the oldest important fortresses in northern Europe. The older fortifications were erected about one mile east of Brest-Litovsk, and had a circumference of four miles. The field works were kept up to date, and everything possible had been done by Russia, it was said, to make them unconquerable. Brest-Litovsk was generally regarded in Russia as the most powerful individual stronghold in the empire.

Slave May Ouit Second Line.

### Slavs May Quit Second Line.

The capitulation of Brest-Litovsk means, in the opinion of military observers, that the Russians will be forced to abandon their second defense line, which extended from Brest-Litovsk northward to the Baltic base of Riga. The fall of the fortress appeared Riga. The fall of the fortress appeared inevitable several days ago, when the Austro-German forces succeeded in throwing troops from the left to the right bank of the River Bug, just northwest of Brest-Litovsk, following which five separate Teutonic armies began a terrific onslaught on the Russian defenses. Tuesday the army on the southwestern front succeeded in breaking through the advance positions of the fortress.

### Third Russian Line.

The third Russian line of defense, upon which the defenders of Brest Litovsk, Warsaw, Ivangorod, Novo Georgievsk and Grodno are compelled to retreat, runs through the middle of the country known as White Russia. The line begins on the north at Riga, on the Baltic, and follows the Dvina river to Duenaburg, then turns south and follows the railroad, through Vilna, Lida, Baranovichi. The line then runs through trackless swamps of Pinsk and the Pripet river to Rovno, which lies is miles northeast of the Galician cipital, Lemberg.

### CROWN PRINCE IS EAGER FO.: FIGHTING IN WEST

BERLAN, Togust 26 .- An army order esued by Frederick William, Crown brince of Germany, August 22, in celeoration of the anniversary of the batle of Longwy, the Saarbruecken Volks-Keltung says, expressed the earnest hope that the emperor might soon call upon his forces in the west for a renewal of offensive warfare. The order con-

cluded with these words:
"We await with undiminished joy the
day of battle when the emperor summons us to a new attack. Out of the trenches and tunnels! Into the war that we love! God grant that this day may come soon! France must again ecognize the victory of Longwy!"

today finished its investigation of the today finished its investigation of the war that we love! God grant that this day relations between the two companies. The inquiry was inaugurated yesterday morning and only three witnesses

nawy, known as the "iron gate of aca," has fallen four times in three before the assaults of Prusarmans. It was taken by rmans. It was taken by in 1792 and again in 1815 mans in 1871 and 1914.

### Great Lichny Losses Cla. d by the Turks

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 26,-The following official statement was issued by the Turkish government, dealing with operations in the Dardanelles "Near Ari Burnu, Sunday evening, after heavy grenade, rifle and machine gun firing, the enemy attacked Kanlisiat. Our counter attacks destroyed the greater part of the enemy's forces

"Monday forenoon the enemy made a similar attempt near Yechil Tepen and Sungu Bair, but was compelled to re-treat with severe losses. "Near Seddul-Bahr, on the right wing, our artillery shot down an enemy cap-

### Fresh British Troops Land.

TURKISH HEADQUARTERS ON THE GALLIPOLI PENINSULA, August 22, railway company's services to the Benvia London, August 26, 1:25 a.m.— ning plant had enabled the latter insti-Fresh British troops were landed here tution to reduce the cost of production have penetrated a few hundred yards beyond the shores of the Salt lake, which now is dry. That part of the British force which gained the crest of Kodjatcheman mountain has been lossible to the salting of service which otherwise would not have be lossible to the salting of service. Kodjatcheman mountain has been thrown back in the recent fighting to the base of that elevation, holding today a narrow ridge not far southeast of the shore of the Salt lake, with the Turkish trenches only forty yards away. In the afternoon of August 21 the British made a violent attempt to like contract with the railway com-

British Losses Not Known.

It has been impossible to learn the total British losses in the Anafarta Terrain. The Anafarta front extends in a semi-circle along the shores of the dry Salt lake and includes the first two elevations on the Aegean shore, while to the south it runs parallel with the shore for about 2,000 yards and then joins the Ari Burnu front. Most of the British trenches lie on low foothills on an elevation averaging 600 feet. Kodjatcheman mountain presents for the British an unusually difficult problem. A Turkish division attacked the British on Kodjatcheman with dash and spirit, forcing their retirement, Since then the British have subjected Kodjatcheman almost daily to terrific gunfire from the ships.

BRITISH FI IFR KILLED

### **BRITISH FLIER KILLED** AS HE FALLS 2,000 FEET

LONDON, August 26.-Sublieut. John McLarty of the Royal Naval Flying Corps was killed while flying a seaplane over Southampton water on the English coast. The machine met with a mishap, and McLarty fell out, dropping 2,000 feet.

# CHEAPER ELECTRIC LIGHT IS FORECAST

Inquiry Into W. R. & E.-Potomac Current Contract May Precipitate Action.

UTILITIES COMMISSION CONSIDERING REDUCTION

completion of the valuation now being placed upon the properties of the Po tomac Electric Power Company, may grow out of the public utility commis sion's investigation of the relations be tween this corporation and the Washington Railway and Electric Company,

oncluded today. That the commission will issue at order changing the working agree ment between the two companies reupon the right bank of the Bug, where garding payments for power by the

fecting a divorcement of the corpora tions is regarded at the District building as practically assured. .

Commissioner Brownlow this after noon stated that the principal consideration underlying the investigation is the question of whether the private the question of whether the private consumer is paying a high rate for curconsumer is paying a figh rate for current because the power company supplies the railway company with power at or about cost and, in addition, pays the dividends of the traction company out of its earnings derived from private consumers.

out of its earnings derived from private consumers.

"If the commission decides that this situation obtains it may be poss!ble to revise the rates charged to private consumers, whatever may be the corporate relations between the two companies," said the Commissioner.

### Reduction Soon Possible.

While consideration of rate questions connection with all local public utilities has been held in abeyance until empletion of the valuation work now in progress, it is pointed out that the mission may not have to wait for the valuation figures to reduce rates for electric current if the present rates are clearly excessive, because of the are clearly excessive, because of the railway company buying power from the Benning plant at less than cost.

The general question of rates and the specific proposition of where consumers may be paying too much for current because of an inequitable arrangement between two corporations are separate problems that may or may not be dealt with separately by the commission.

commission.

Commissioner Brownlow's statement leaves little room for doubt that the commission will endeavor to give immediate relief to private consumers from whatever inequities it may consider are the result of the present relations between the Washington Railway and Electric Company and the Potomac Electric Power Company. Just how soon the commission will be in a position to issue orders concerning rates, if it should decide that the present charges are too high, is not known, but it is believed that its decision in the matter will be reached at an early date.

day morning and only three witnesses were heard throughout the entire pro were heard throughout the entire proceedure. They were Clarence P. King, president, and W. F. Ham, vice president, of the Washington Railway and Electric Company and L. E. Sinclair, superintendent of the electrical department of the Potomac Company.

Mr. Ham's testimony occupied the greater part of today's session. The railway official reiterated much of his testimony of yesterday regarding the financial arrangement between the railway and power companies, which he claims has been mutually beneficial.

In answer to a question by Commissioner Brownlow, the witness said he thought the public utilities commission has a right to investigate the rates Kanlisiat Fighting has a right to investigate the rates paid the power company by the rail-way concern, but no authority to change them.

change them.

Concerning the contract between the corporations which require the traction concern to pay the power company 6 per cent interest on the value of the plant used in the production of power, and 10 per cent profit on the amount of power furnished. Mr. Ham said that these interest clauses in the contract had been abandoned in consideration of certain financial services rendered by the railway company. the railway company.

### Economies Dwelt Upon.

Mr. Ham then elaborated upon pre vious testimony to the effect that the August 6 and 7. The new allied forces the saving being estimated at a quarter

away. In the afternoon of August 21 the British made a violent attempt to its contract with the railway commprove the situation, but failed, in spite of a terrific fire from ship artillary and in several well sustained insuggested that an independent comsung stable by would welcome such a pany probably would welcome such a situation rather than have the railway

The railway company head insisted that the present arrangement is an equitable one, and thought that it should not be disturbed. The Washington Railway and Electric Company, Mr. King said, had done a laudable thing in financing the affairs of the Benning plant so that it was able to extend its service for the benefit of the people of Washington.

pany, and L. E. Sinclair, superintenden of the electrical department of the Potomac Electric Power Comapny, were the only witnesses examined by the

the only witnesses examined by the commission yesterday afternoon. Neither official could tell the commission the exact value of the power company's plant at Benning.

Mr. Ham sought to justify the working arrangement between the two corporations, which, in 1913, according to testimony given, enabled the railway company to obtain without cost from the power company sufficient power for its own needs and left it a surplus which it disposed of at a profit of \$37, \$16.10.

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One of the considerations for this arrangement, the traction official said, was the action of the railway company in guaranteeing \$7,000,000 in Potomac Electric Power Company bonds. In addition, he claimed that the enormous consumption of power by the railway company enabled the power company to engage in large scale production of electricity, and thus materially decrease the cost of production.

Officials of Both Companies Contend
That Arrangement Between
Them Is Equitable.

Reduction of electric light rates charged private consumers in the District of Columbia, in advance of the completion of the valuation now being

Mr. Ham suggested that a simple solution of the entire matter would be consolidation of the Washington Railway and Electric and Potomac Electric Power Companies.

### MARTIAL LAW IN FRANCE SOON TO BE ABOLISHED

PARIS, August 26 .- Martial law wil be abolished everywhere in France out-side of the zone of military activities after September 1. The decision of the government in this respect is interpreted on all sides as a sign of confidence in official circles that the interior acministration of France will not be disturbed again by military operations, Police officials whose prerogatives have been somewhat confused during the period of military rule show great satisfaction at the removal of all danger of conflict of authority, and at the possibility of pursuing reconstructive

### VESSEL WITH WOUNDED ARRIVES AT KOENIGSBERG

LONDON, August 26, 10:20 a.m.—Alispatch to the Central News from Amsterdam says that a transport carrying eriously wounded German marines who participated in the recent fighting in the Gulf of Riga has arrived at Koenigsberg from Libau.

### TO REVIEW TROOPS SATURDAY.

President Wilson Expected to Be Here for Home-Coming Guardsmen. No plans have yet been made for President Wilson to go out of Washington this week, so Mr. Wilson will herefore review the National Guard of the District of Columbia Saturday aftrnoon on the White Lot ellipse, as requested by Gen. Harvey, command-The President a few days ago wrote Gen. Harvey that it was uncertain whether he would be in Washington at the time in question, but if he were he would take pleasure in reviewing the local organized militia. Plans for the review have not yet been submitted to the White House, but are expected.

### NOT TO BE COUNSELOR.

Former Representative Palmer Will

It was stated today on high authority that this fact has nothing to do with intimations that Mr. Palmer recently saw the President about certain foreign matters and made a report, some portions of which became public Investigation Finished.

The commission shortly before noon today finished its investigation of the long the finished its investigation of the long through a newspaper publication. Mr. Palmer, it is said by his friends, announced several weeks ago that he would not have the counselorship if offered to him.

### BULGARIA REMAINS NEUTRAL

### Unofficial Advices Received Agreement With Turkey.

Unofficial advices to representatives of the Balkan nations here say Bulgaria has signed an agreement with Turkey which includes the provision that she remain neutral and that the attempt to form a Balkan league has failed. News of the formation of the new cabinet by Minister Venizelos reached the Greek legation today. It is said here that the demands of the al-lies upon Greece were unsatisfactory and that the Hellenic government will announce its intention of remaineutral for the present, at least.

### JAPAN WILL FURNISH

### SHELLS TO HER ALLIES

TOKIO, August 26.-The establishment of special factories for the manu-facture of shells will be a part of the increased assistance which Japan has decided to give her allies in the war, t is learned. Details of the plans for carrying on

the work of increasing Japan's muni-tion supplies have been discussed by the ambassadors of the entente powers with Premier Okuma, the diplomats going in a body from the summer em-bassies at Chuzenji to Nikko for the purpose, following the premier's recent audience with the emperor.

### TORPEDOED'SHIP'S CREW PICKED UP BY STEAMER

LISBON, August 25, via Paris, August 26, 2:30 a.m.—The Norwegian steamer Haytor, arrived from Barry, reports scandal was precipitated, the middle picking up August 21 forty survivors of June, arrived here this morning of the British steamer Windsor, which from Chicago. Arrangements for sewas sunk by a submarine. The members of the Windsor's crew were transferred from the Haytor to the British steamer Remner the day after they

It was reported August 22 that the Windsor, a vessel of 6,655 tons, had been sunk. It was said then that her crew had been saved. ALLEGED SLAYER ARRESTED.

### Mack Dennis, Charged With Killing

Luke Dennis, Held in Richmond. Mack Dennis, colored, alleged slaver of Luke Dennis, also colored, who was slashed with a knife the night of August 16 and so seriously wounded that he died shortly afterward, is under arrest in Richmond, Va., according to a message received by Maj. Pullman this afternoon.

afternoon.

It is charged the men had been drinkington Railway and Electric Company,
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thing in financing the affairs of the
Benning plant so that it was able to
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people of Washington.

Justifies Free Power Deal.

W. F. Ham, vice president of ahe
Washington Railway and Electric Com-

### FIRST PHOTO OF THE AMERICAN OCCUPATION OF HAITI.



UNITED STATES SAILORS SIGNALING FROM SHORE AT PORT AU PRINCE TO THE WARSHIP IN THE HARBOR

# HEARD PLOT TO SLAY REV. EDMUND KAYSER PETROGRAD, August 25, via London

Woman Eavesdropper Implicates Five in Crime-One Arrest Made.

GARY, Ind., August 26 .- With the ar rest today of George Schneider, a member of the Gary Saxon Verein, in connection with the murder of Rev. Ednund Kayser, whose body was found near his parsonage in Tolleston, a suburb, Tuesday night, the police anounced they had virtually abandoned the theory that the German pastor may have been slain because of his pro-German utterances. Schneider's face was cut and bruised. He is said to have told a relative he was in a fight Tuesday night. The police declared his story unsatisfactory.

"Schneider answers the description "Schneider answers the description of the man we have been looking for." Chief of Police Heintz said. Schneider has been a member of the murdered minister's congregation at St. John's Evangelical Church, Tolleston, but is declared to have been his enemy. The Rev. Mr. Kayser, it is said, had incurred the displeasure of members of the Saxon Verein because of his opposition to plans of that organization.

### Two Women Brought Into Case.

Two women, whose names were withheld by the police, were brough nto the case today. One of the women told the police that while visiting the grave of a child in the German cemetery near the Kayser home Tuesday Not Succeed to Lansing Vacancy.

Former Representative A. Mitchen Palmer of Pennsylvania will not be counselor of the State Department to fill the vacancy made by the promotion of Mr. Lansing to head of the department.

It was stated today on high author-

Chief of Police Heintz said the wom-an alleged to have taken part in the plot has disappeared from her home. Concerning the eavesdropper's story, he said his men had followed it up and had found the footprints of four men and a woman in that part of the ceme-tery where the eavesdropper said she had seen the plotters.

### COALITION MINISTRY DISCUSSED IN RUSSIA

PETROGRAD, August 26 .- Daily conerences are being held by members of the various parties in the duma and the council of the empire, with a view to the formation of a coalition ministry, the possibility of which has been under lively discussion of late in the corridors of the duma.

The names of Michael Vladimirovitch Rodzianko, the president of the duma, and of Nikolai A. Khomvakoff, former president of that body, are being men-tioned in connection with the premier-

### CRUSH VENEZUELAN REVOLT.

Government Forces Kill Rebel Leader. Horatio Du Charme.

WILLEMSTADT, Curacao, August 6.-Advices reaching this point from Venezuela state that the revolution be gun last September in the eastern part of Venezuela has been crushed. The revolutionists were defeated by government forces and their leader, Horatio Du Charme, was killed. At the out-set of the revolt Du Charme won a measure of success and was reported to be well supported in the region in which the movement was inaugurated.

### RETURNS TO FACE TRIAL.

Assistant Treasurer of Nashville. Under Charges, Gives Bond. NASHVILLE, Tenn., August 26 .-

Johnson B. West, jr., familiarly known as "Doc" West, assistant city treasurer of Nashville, whose whereabout have been unknown since the city hall curity had been made in advance and bond was executed in the sum of \$10,-000 on his arrival. He is charged with larceny of pub-

lic records and destroying public records. Just prior to the making public of the fact that important records were missing from the city revenue department. West left Nashville, annuancing he was going to a. partment West left Nashville, an-nouncing he was going to a gun shoot in St. Louis. He did not return on specified time, and a search was insti-tuted, which led local detectives across the continent without success.

### COURT ISSUES RULE.

David W. Oyster to Answer in Suit Brought by Wife. Justice Siddons today issued a rule

on David William Oyster to show cause September 2 why he should not remove from his home and why he should no be enjoined from interfering with or molesting his wife and children. He is also required to show why he should not pay temporary alimony to his wife

Mary A. Oyster.

The citation is based on a petition for a limited divorce filed by the wife through Attorney P. H. Marshall.

The couple were married December 23, 1885, and have seven children, the oldest residing in Oklahoma. The other six live with the mother.

# WAR OFFICIALLY REPORTED

caliber.

eral mines.

GERMAN STATEMENT.

No official German statment was re-

ceived today. The latest one issued

In the western theater: In the Cham-

pagne we successfully exploded sev-

In the Vosges an attack made by the enemy on Schratzmannele was re-

RUSSIAN STATEMENT. August 26:

In the Riga district there has change in the situation. In the di-rection of Jacobstadt and Dinsk the fighting to the westward continues on approximately the same front. In the direction of Vilna the enemy delivered yesterday only isolated attacks on the front northwest of Ivje. which we repulsed.

which we repulsed.
On the middle Niemen our troops operating on the left bank gradually are concentrating toward the river.
On the front between the Bobr and the Brest-Litovsk district the enemy continues to exert the greatest pressure.
West of the forest of Bielovesh, between the Bielsk road and the station of Gianovka and Visokie-Litovsk and Prushani, in the region west of Brest-Litovsk, in the course of yesterday and today we repulsed attempts of the enemy to attack our positions on the right bank of the Bug, the enemy striving to advance along the road from Pushcha, in this district.

on the sectors in the district south of Vladimir-Volynsky there were unimportant outpost encounters.

n Galicia, on some sectors of our
front, there were rifle firing and iso-

#### lated artillery duels. ITALIAN STATEMENT.

ROME, August 25, via Paris, August 26 In the Tonale zone, after careful artillery preparations, our troops carried, on the 21st, the Pele Valle Stino (Noce), and compelled enemy detachments occupying it to retire, leaving in our possession eight sheds. The enemy immediately opened an intense artillery fire against the conquered position, and then directed an infantry attack against it, supported by machine guns. This was repulsed, the enemy suffering considerable losses. We captured quantities of arms ammunition ann various materials.

terials.
On upper Cordevole the enemy attempted by artillery and grenades to damage our position on Coldilana, near Salasei and Agasi, but the attack was effectively arrested by our fire, and the enemy soon was obliged to cease his efforts.
On the Isonzo, particularly around Tolmino and Plava, and on the Carso front the enemy's artillery has been very active against our works. An attempt on his part to repair a road previously cut by us along the Nabresina line east of Monfalcone,

owing to our unrelaxing

watchfulness.

This morning an aeroplane flew over Brescia and, evading the fire of our anti-aerial guns, threw four bombs, killing six and wounding several other civilians.

### AUSTRIAN STATEMENT. VIENNA, August 25, via London, Au-

gust 26: Russian war theater: The troops of Archduke Ferdinand and Gen. Koeyess, together with our allies, pushed the enemy, fighting constantly

toward Lesna. The resistance of the Russians fighting southwest of Brest-Litovsk was broken, and they were driven back to the fortress girdle by the division of Field Marshal von Arz and German troops. Northeast of Vladova German forces

are driving the enemy further into the marshy district. The cavalry,

Italian war theater: In the district of the Doberdo plateau our artillery forced the hasty retreat of enemy in-fantry which had occupied the south slopes of Monte Dei and Monte Seislopes of Monte Dei and Monte Seibusi. Our front southwest of San Maro again was under heavy artillery fire. At noon the Italians began a new attack, which was repulsed before our defensive positions. For the bridgeheads of Gorizia and Tolmino and in the Krn district comparative quiet prevails. There was vigorous activity before Flitsch and Raibl. In the Tyrolean frontier district fighting developed repeatedly. Late last evening enemy infantry advanced toward the northern sector of the plateau of Lavaronne. Early this morning the attack was repulsed. On both sides of the road to Tonale both sides of the road to Tonale Italian battalions attacked soon after daybreak, and the fighting continues Artillery combats continue along al-most the entire Tyrolean frontier.

### SERBIAN STATEMENT. NISH, Serbia, August 26, via London:

On August 22, by infantry fire, we pre vented the enemy from fortifying himself on the left bank of the Save in the neighborhood of Orachatz and Drenutz. On the same evening one of our bat-teries shelled a hostile detachment near Bortza and a battery of the en-emy which at that moment was going into action.

FRENCH STATEMENT.

PARIS, August 26: During part of last night there were artillery exchanges and fighting with hand grenades and other explosives in the Artois district, in the vicinity

of Souchez and Neuville.

of Souchez and Neuville.

Around Roye there has been continued marked activity on the part of the enemy's artillery as well as our own.

In the Argonne district, in the sector of "La Folle Morte." yesterday saw some fairly severe fighting with bombs and hand grenades.

Nothing of importance has been reported from the remainder of the front.

During the day of August 24 a French

# BRIDGEPORT STRIKERS

Fifty More Freight Handlers Walk Out-Boilermakers Win Their

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., August 26 .-Fifty freight handlers employed in the Water street houses, New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, walked out teday, joining the 110 men from the Whiting street freight houses who vesterday struck for increased wages The walkout of these men was done

quietly. The management of the Star Shirt Company where 400 girls have been on strike for the eight-hour day, posted a notice closing the plant indef-

More Labor Organizers Summoned. It was announced that both the American Federation of Labor and the

handling the situation Three strikes in as many boiler shops were settled today by the managements granting the fifty-hour week in place of the fifty-five-hour schedule, effective about a month hence, when contracts adjusted on that basis. can be adjusted on that basis.

More than fifteen meetings of strikers were in progress during the day in various halfs. Reports were current of other walkouts to come and of conferences to be held by committees with plant managements.

Connecticut Federation of Labor are

### ENGLISH POUND STERLING HAS RECORD DROP HERE

aviator threw down bombs on the railroad of Offenbourg, in Baden, seventeen miles from Karlsruhe. At this point there is an important railroad junction in the grand duchy. In August 25 an aerial squadron, composed of four groups and including a total of sixty-two aviators, flew over the heights of Delingen. Here there is a factory where shells and armor plate are made. The location of this plant is to the north of Saarlolouis, in Rhenish Prussia, thirty miles southeast of Treves. The aviators threw down with precision over 150 bombs, 30 of which were of large caliber.

Foreign Exchange Markets Are Plunged Into Demoralization by Wave of Bills.

NEW YORK, August 26.—Foreign exchange markets were plunged into demoralization again today by a wave of foreign bills that broke early in the business day and threatened to carry rates down to depths hitherto untouched.

The English pound sterling, usually

Francs broke to 5.93, 5 cents under yesterday's close, on the first transaction recorded. Lires dropped 2 cents to 6.44. German money, for a reason not seen on the surface of the market, was worth more than yesterday, reichsmarks selling at 81%.

There was every indication before noon, in the opinion of New York bankers, that sterling would establish a new record of depreciation. The chaotic condition of the market and its wide range of prices within the enemy on Schratzmannele was repelled with hand grenades, and
southeast of Sondernach that part of
the trench sections which we lost
August 17 was recaptured.
German battle aviator shot down a
French biplane near Nieuport.
In the eastern theater: Army group of
Field Marshal von Hindenburg—
North of the Niemen river 750 Russians were taken prisoners during
successful engagements in the neighborhood of Birshi.
The army of Gen. von Eichhorn is past thirteen months were emphasized by a comparison of rates now and shortly after the war began, little more than a year ago. Sterling then sold up to nearly \$7, and other continental ex-change soared to similar heights.

ticles in so-called peddler cars in

SIX SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Fifteen Others Narrowly Escape

When Train Hits Passenger Car.

CLEVELAND, August 26 .- Six per-

others had narrow escapes when two

cars of a work train of the Cleveland

Electric Railway Company broke loose

on a hill on East 93d street and crash-

ed into a passenger car. The work cars carried steel rails, which were

LITERACY TEST IS DROPPED.

New York Constitutional Convention

Reverses Action on Voters.

ALBANY, N. Y., August 26 .- By a

ote of 77 to 67 the constitutional con-

vention today reversed its action of

vesterday and rejected the literacy test

the report of the committee of the

ed Barbed Wire to Europe.

PITTSBURGH, August 26 .- Barbed

wire painted a foliage green is now being manufactured here for use of the

armies in Europe. Barbed wire is ordi-narily galvanized, but because of the scarcity and high price of spelter, a local manufacturer devised a scheme to

Steel men say that reports from abroad show that at a short distance away it is impossible to see the green

CREDIT MEN AT LUNCHEON.

Regular Weekly Meeting for Co-

operation Held at the Raleigh

At the regular weekly luncheon meet-

or voters. The vote was taken on

H. Young's motion to agree with

driven half way through the pas-

ons were seriously injured and fifteen

southwestern territory.

sians were taken prisoners during successful engagements in the neighborhood of Birshl. The army of Gen. von Eichhorn is advancing victoriously toward the east, fighting all the way. This army captured 1,850 Russians and took several machine guns.

The army of Gen. von Scholz reached Berecowks, captured Knyszyn and crossed the Narew river to the south of Tykocin.

The army of Gen. von Gallwitz captured the Narew river crossing on the Sokoly-Bialystok high road. Its right wing has reached Orlanka, after having driven back the enemy. The army took more than 4,700 prisoners, including 18 officers, and 9 machine guns.

Army group of Prince Leopold of Bayaria—Yesterday the enemy attempted in vain to bring our pureuit to a standatill. He was attacked and thrown back into Bialowleska forest. South of this forest our troops reached the region to the east of Wierschowicze. We captured more than 1,700 prisoners.

Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen—Pursuing the defeated enemy, this army group is approaching the hills on the western bank of the Besma, north of Brest-Litovsk, at Dobbynka, the Austro-Hungarian and German troops broke through the advanced positions of the southwestern front of Brest-Litovsk, at Dobbynka, the Austro-Hungarian and German troops broke through the advanced positions of the sessma, north of Brest-Litovsk, at Dobbynka, the Austro-Hungarian and German troops broke through the advanced positions of the continuation of the co

Litovsk, at Dobbynka, the Austro-Hungarian and German troops broke through the advanced positions of the fortress yesterday. In the eastern bank of the Bug, north-east of Viadova, parts of the army of Gen. von Linsingen are advancing toward the north, fighting all the

## ESCAPES MILITARY SERVICE.

Son of Naturalized Italian Is Released by Government From Duty. Ugo da Patro of Boston, son of ar talian naturalized in the United States has been released from military service by the Italian government, according to a notification from the Italian embassy

to the State Department. The case is regarded as establishing a precedent, and important because there have been many similar cases. Mr. da Patro was born in Boston in 1895. the marshy district. The cavalry, under Gen. Puhallo, is advancing on both sides of the road from Kovel to Kobrin. (Kobrin lies to the east of Brest-Litovsk and is on the opposite side of the dreaded Pripet marshes from Kovel.)

Honved hussars stormed a fortified village on the railway line from Kovel to Brest-Litovsk.

Between Vladimir and Volynskyi and the Bessarabian frontier quiet prevalls.

Italian.
Senator Lodge urged Mr. da Patro's release on the ground that the young man's father had returned to Italy as the representative of a Untied States firm and on the ground that the Italian law of repatriation did not apply.

### FOR CIVILIAN MILITARY CAMP.

Officers and Equipment Sought for Cleveland Business Men.

CLEVELAND, August 26,-Capt. L. S. Conelly of the Cleveland Grays, a private military organization of years' standing, was in Plattsburg, N. Y., today conferring with Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood of the United States Army regarding plans for a civilian military amp which the Grays plan to estab-Manufacturers Sending Green-Paintlish at Chagrin Falls, near here, within few weeks. Conelly is expected to arrange for

the bringing here of regular army officers and troops with the necessary equipment. Recruiting headquarters of equipment. Recruing neadquarters of the Grays were besieged with calls to-day from prominent business and pro-fessional men who desire to enlist. Col. Theodore Roosevelt will be in-vited to inspect the camp and make an oddress.

### Manager Griffith Buys Mayer of Kansas City CHICAGO, August 26.-Manager

Griffith announced today that he had purchased Sam Mayer, allround player of the Kansas City A. A. club. Mayer jumped Kansas City for failure of that club to pay his salary. His case was like Compton's. Mayer jumped to the Feds, but never played in a game. an injunction restraining him Mayer at the present time is in Brooklyn, N. Y. Manager Griffith has been endeavoring to locate announced. Griff said, however, that no players were involved in the deal.

# ADD TO THEIR RANKS

Discusses Status of Pan-Demands.

> Mexican Leaders. **GUATEMALAN MINISTER**

American Peace Note to

SEES MR. LANSING

ARGENTINE ENVOY

**DESCRIBES CARRANZA** 

Tells Secretary of State of His Experiences With "First Chief." Watch Border Insurrectos.

Romulo S. Naon, ambassador from Argentina and one of the signers of the pan-American note to the Mexican chiefs urging a peace conference, today rushing more organizers here to aid in discussed the status of the pan-Amer ican appeal with Secretary Lansing at the State Department. No announce ment was made following their conferanother meeting of the Latin American to consider the Mexican situation. It is believed, however, that such a meeting will be held as soon as replies from the Mexican leaders are in hand.

The reply of Gen. Carranza to the pan-American note has not yet been received, it was said at the State Department. Secretary Lansing received today the Guatemalan minister to Mexico, Dr. Juan Ortega, who was or lered from the country by Gen. Carranza several weeks ago. Dr. Ortega said that he merely called to pay his respects upon Secretary Lansing. He discussed his experiences with Carranza briefly, however.

#### Denies Carranza Defeat. The Carranza agency here today gave

out a statement from the constitutionalist consul, Garcia, at Laredo, Tex., in which a denial is made that the business day and threatened to carry rates down to depths hitherto untouched.

The English pound sterling, usually the standard of world finance at \$4.67, was selling within the first hour at \$4.64½, and one sale, it was reported without confirmation, had been made at \$4.64, the lowest figure sterling has yet reached in this market.

Francs broke to 5.93, 5 cents under yesterday's close, on the first transaction recorded. Lires dropped 2 cents to 6.44. German money, for a reason not seen on the surface of the market, was worth more than yesterday, reichsmarks selling at \$1½.

There was every indication before noon, in the opinion of New York bankers, that sterling would establish a new record of depreciation. The chaotic condition of the market and its wide range of prices within the past thirteen months were emphasized by a comparison of rates now and shortly after the war began, little more than a year ago. Sterling then sold up the Carranza forces were defeated at

The interstate commerce commission has disapproved increases in the freight rates and changes in the rules governing shipments of packing house products, fresh meats and other argument in the city, although an underground shorts were fixed by the constant of uneasiness was apparent.

Occasional shots were fired by the policemen in halting Mexicans found in the lower quarters of the city in order to search them. A peddler car is an iced car, loaded by the packer, which stops at several unloading points for removal of por-tions of its contents on its way to final Makes Private Secretary a Governor. MONTEREY, Mexico, August 26 .- !t was announced here today that Gustavo Espinosa Mireles, private secretary to Gen. Carranza, has been named provisional governor of the state of Coahuila. Mr. Mireles has been on an Important mission to the United States. He recently was in Washington and is now said to be en route to Coahuila.

### rom Texas. Villa Defeated in Sonora.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., August 26 .- Villa forces under Gen. Gaxila, at Huatabampo. Sonora, said to comprise the sole remaining Villa troops in southern Sonora and northern Sinaloa, were defeated Monday by Gen. Flores, Carranza commander, according to a mes-sage received here via San Francisco,

Sonora.

Gen. Flores' advance guard is reported to be at Torin and slowly advancing toward Guaymas. Shots Exchanged Over Border.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., August 26. More than 500 shots were exchanged last night between Mexican bandits on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande and American soldiers on the Texas side of the river near Progreso, in whole indorsing the measure.

It is understood that the fight for the proposal, which would have required all voters to be able to read and write the English language, will be abandoned.

WAR CALLS FOR NEW INDUSTRY

side of the river near Progreso, in Hidalgo county, at the same point where seventy-five bandits attacked a group of soldiers a few days ago, killing a private and wounding Lieut, Henry, according to official advices received at southern department head-quarters last night.

A horse belonging to a trooper was killed. Whether the Mexicans suffered

### SECRET MILITARY PROBE IN FRANCE IS OPPOSED

PARIS, August 26 .- The question of whether military affairs shall be considered in secret session of the chamber of deputies, which has been the sub ject of animated discussion both in and outside of parliament for a week past, outside of parliament for a week past, seemed likely, before the opening of today's session, to be rejected by a large majority of the chamber. The various party groups held caucuses previous to the assembling of the chamber. The extreme socialists alone favored a secret session. The republicans of the left were unanimously against it. The radicals and radical socialists, with many members absent, voted 24 for to 40 against the proposition.

Swiss to Care for Sick Officers. GENEVA, August 26.—The Swiss government, continuing its efforts in behalf of war sufferers, has received the

At the regular weekly intended meeting of the credit men's section of the Retail Merchants' Association this atternoon at the Raleigh Hotel "Suggestions for Co-operation Among Credit Men" was the topic of discussion. A. V. Hoffman was in charge of the meeting The heads of the credit departments of several of the big stores of the city were among those who gave their views on the subject. Efforts on the part of the local credit men to coperate in the promotion of the welfare of their business are in line with a country-wide movement looking to closer relationship between credit men.

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